

News and Notes

FOREIGN APPOINTMENTS.—Dr. Weygandt has been appointed Adjunct Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Würzburg.

Privatdocent Dr. Hans Gudden has been appointed Adjunct Professor of Psychiatry at Munich.

Privatdocent Dr. Heinrich von Holben has been appointed Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Lembeck.

Dr. J. B. Janssens has been appointed Assistant in Psychiatry at the University of Leyden.

Dr. H. Jaeger has been appointed Assistant in Psychiatry at Gröningen.

Dr. T. W. Polet has been appointed Assistant in Psychiatry at the University of Utrecht.

Dr. Robert Gaupp has been appointed Director of the Psychiatric Clinic at Munich.

Dr. Paul Schroeder, Assistant in the Psychiatric Clinic at Breslau, has been made Privatdocent.

Dr. Johannes Finckh has been made Assistant to the Psychiatric Clinic at Tübingen.

The International Congress of Psychiatry, Neurology and Hospital Treatment for the Insane will meet in September, 1907, in Amsterdam.

NERVOUS DISEASES RESEARCH FUND.—The first annual meeting of the subscribers to the Nervous Diseases Research Fund was held on April 4th at the National Hospital for the Paralyzed and Epileptic, Mr. Edgar Speyer in the chair. The report for 1904 stated that 48 autopsies had been performed, and that the results of the investigations would prove useful in diagnosis, and in solving some serious problems of cerebral and spinal disease. Among the cases of tumor of the brain there were six in which the brain stem was affected, and the clinical and pathological examination had added to the known signs of disease in that region, and had drawn attention to the functions of certain cells and nerve fibers in the mid-brain. Information of a similar character had been obtained in reference to tumors of the cerebellum. This would be of great value in the diagnosis of the exact situation of such tumors or of other morbid conditions affecting the same part. Special attention had been given to the study of myasthenia gravis, a disease which was almost invariably fatal and about which little was known. New facts concerning its pathology had been ascertained and these facts, such as they were, afforded a hope that the condition might be curable by medical treatment. The results of the work were embodied in papers which would be available for the medical profession generally. The contributions to the fund in 1904 amounted to £731, and there was a balance at the banker's at the end of the year of £459 18s. 4d. Mr. Edgar Speyer was elected Chairman and Treasurer for the current year, and Mr. J. Danvers Power, Honorary Secretary. Dr. M. Gordon Holmes was appointed director of the research work of the fund.

THE AMERICAN MEDICO-PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION.—DR. BURR CHOSEN PRESIDENT.—The American Medico-Psychological Association, in session at San Antonio, Tex., recently elected Dr. C. B. Burr, of Flint, Mich., president for the ensuing year. The action of the association carries

with it a merited recognition of the eminence which Dr. Burr has attained in the medical profession, and a practical expression of his services in behalf of the association as secretary and treasurer for seven years, and as vice-president of the organization during the past year.

Originally organized in 1844 as an association of medical superintendents of American institutions for the insane, the American Medico-Psychological Association, the oldest national medical organization in America, was reorganized under its present name in 1892, when its membership was enlarged to include eminent alienists, neurologists and others especially interested in the care of the insane. The present membership of the association is about 425, and includes prominent alienists in both the United States and Canada.

Dr. Burr joined the association in 1890, the year following his election to the superintendency of the Eastern Michigan Asylum for the Insane, at Pontiac, Mich. He had previously been assistant physician and assistant medical superintendent of the asylum since 1878. In 1894 he resigned the superintendency of the Eastern Michigan Asylum to become medical director of Oak Grove. He served as secretary and treasurer of the American Medico-Psychological Association from 1897 until 1904, when he was elected vice-president.,

Dr. Burr had planned to attend the convention at San Antonio, but was prevented from making the trip by an injury which he sustained by being thrown under his horse as a result of the animal stumbling and falling with him while he was out riding nearly three weeks ago.

CRAIG COLONY APPOINTMENT.—Dr. L. Pierce Clark has been appointed consulting Neurologist at the Craig Colony for Epileptics, Sonyea, N. Y.